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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Hartford Police Make Arrest in Domestic Violence Kidnapping Case

Hartford – On January 24, 2010 at approximately 1:30 p.m., Hartford Police received a report from a family member that their daughter was being held at gunpoint at 74 Trudeau Street and was being forced into her car along with her two year old and four year old sons. The family reported the suspect, identified as **Angel Martinez (07/10/85) of 74 Trudeau Street, Hartford** was the victim's boyfriend of five years and provided information concerning the victim's vehicle and Martinez' description.

With assistance from the City of Hartford's Emergency Services and Telecommunications Department, Hartford Police officers located the victim's vehicle within the hour unoccupied parked on Madison Ave. Officers maintained surveillance on the vehicle and a short time later they observed the suspect exit from a residence at 97 Madison Ave and enter the victim's vehicle. Officers quickly took Martinez, who is pictured below, into custody. A loaded Smith and Wesson .22 caliber handgun was recovered from his waistband. It was later determined that this firearm had been reported stolen. Also recovered from the defendant's possession were 20 bundles of heroin.

The victim and her children were safely located inside 97 Madison Ave.



Angel Martinez (07/10/1985) 74 Tredeau Street, Hartford. CT

Martinez was charged with Kidnapping 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Unlawful Restraint 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 2 counts of Risk of Injury to a Minor, Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Theft of a firearm, Criminal Use of a Firearm, Interfering with Police and Narcotics Offenses. A bond in the amount of \$250,000.00 was ordered.

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